

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 13-16 and 43-46 are pending. Claims 1, 13 and 43-46 have been amended.

Claims 1-4, 13-16 and 43-46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph due to it not being clear in such claims whether the claimed "amplifier apparatus" is part of the recording/reproducing apparatus. Claims 1-4, 13-16 and 43-46 were indicated as being allowable if amended to overcome the §112 rejection. Applicants thank the Examiner for so indicating.

Independent claims 1, 13 and 43-46 have been amended to refer to "a connected amplifier apparatus." Such change is supported by the specification and is believed to be consistent with the Examiner's reading of the claims when indicating their allowability. Accordingly, withdrawal of the §112 rejection is respectfully requested.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant believe that the claims are in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference call would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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